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SUBJECT: STARR KIDNAPPING

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1. A MISSION OFFICER WHO IS TASK FORCE MEMBER AND ALSO ONE OF REV. MAITERJEAN'S FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS SOUNDED HIM OUT IN A PRELIMINARY WAY ON SUNDAY SEPT. 18. MAITREJEAN SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE AS AN INTERMEDIARY AND MENTIONED IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAD ALSO PLAYED SUCH A ROLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING OF SEARS VICE PRESIDENT COOPER LAST YEAR. MAITREJEAN AGREED TO MEET WITH CHARGE FOR PURPOSE ADETAILS AND MEETING WILL BE ARRANGED EARLY THIS WEEK UNDER SECURE CONDITIONS. (WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT MAITREJEAN, WHO IS EPISCOPAL PRIEST, HAS HAD ANY AFFILITATION WITH THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS, WHICH IS LINKED IWTH A FUNDAMENTALIST PROTESTANT SECT. CHARGE WILL CONFIRM THIS AT THE MEETING.)

2. BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL STRIKE AND RIOTING THAT DISRUPPTED BOGOTA MOST OF LAST WEEK, CHARGE WAS UNABLE TO GET TO SEE GENERAL SARMIENTO, THE ARMY COMMANDER,

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BUT HOPES TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT FOR MEETING EARLY THIS WEEK.

3. SO FAR, THESE HAS BEEN NO CONTACT FROM MANCHOLA. DREXLER

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